Claim Amendments

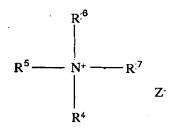
Rewrite claim 1 as follows:

- 1. (Currently amended) A high-strength herbicidal concentrate composition, having a viscosity of less than 140 centipoise, consisting essentially of: (a) water, (b) glyphosate, predominantly in the form of the monomethylamine or the dimethylamine salt, in solution in the water in an amount of greater than about 350 grams of acid equivalent per liter of the composition, and (c) at least one surfactant in a total amount of about 20 to about 200 grams per liter of the composition in which the surfactant is
 - a) an alkyletheramine surfactant having the chemical formula

$$R^1$$
 N R^2 R^3

in which R^1 is a C_8 - C_{24} straight or branched chain, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbyl group, optionally interrupted by one or more ether linkages, and R^2 and R^3 are independently polyoxyalkylene chains having in total 2 to about 22 alkylene oxide units;

b) a quaternary ammonium surfactant having the chemical formula



in which Z is an agriculturally acceptable anion and R⁴, R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ include, without limitation, the following:

(i) R^4 is a benzyl or a $C_8 - C_{24}$ straight or branched chain, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbyl group, optionally interrupted by one or more ether linkages, and R^5 , R^6 and R^7 are independently $C_1 - C_4$ alkyl groups;

- (ii) R^4 and R^5 are independently a $C_8 C_{24}$ straight or branched chain, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbyl group, optionally interrupted by one or more ether linkages, and R^6 and R^7 are independently $C_1 C_4$ alkyl groups;
- (iii) R^4 is a $C_8 C_{24}$ straight or branched chain, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbyl group, optionally interrupted by one or more ether linkages, R^5 is a polyoxyalkylene chain having about 2 to about 22 $C_2 C_4$ alkylene oxide units, and R^6 and R^7 are independently $C_1 C_4$ alkyl groups; or
- (iv) R^4 is a $C_8 C_{24}$ straight or branched chain, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbyl group, optionally interrupted by one or more ether linkages, R^5 and R^6 are polyoxyalkylene chains having about 2 to about 22 $C_2 C_4$ alkylene oxide units, and R^7 is a $C_1 C_4$ alkyl group;
 - c) an amphoteric surfactant having the chemical formula

$$R^8R^9R^{10}N^+-(CH_2)_nCOO^-$$

in which R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁰ and n include, without limitation, the following:

- (v) R^8 is a $C_8 C_{24}$ straight or branched chain, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbyl group, and R^9 and R^{10} are independently $C_1 C_4$ alkyl groups or a hydrogen atom; and n is an integer between 1 to 5; or
- (vi) R^8 is a $[R^{11}$ -CONH- $(CH_2)_x$ -] radical where R^{11} is a $C_8 C_{24}$ straight or branched chain, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbyl group, x is an integer between 1 to 5, and R^9 and R^{10} are independently $C_1 C_4$ alkyl groups or a hydrogen atom; and n is an integer between 1 to 5;
 - d) an alcohol ethoxylate having the chemical formula

in which formula R^{12} is a $C_8 - C_{24}$ straight or branched chain, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbyl group, R^{13} represents independently a hydrogen atom or a methyl or ethyl radical, n is an integer between 2 and 50 and R^{14} is a $C_1 - C_4$ alkyl group or a hydrogen atom;

e) an alcohol ethoxylate phosphate ester having the chemical formula $[R^{15}\text{-O-}(CH_2\text{-}CHR^{16}\text{-O})_n]_{3\text{-m}}\text{-P}(=O)(OM)_m$

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in which formula R^{15} is a $C_6 - C_{20}$ straight or branched chain, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbyl group, R^{16} represents independently a hydrogen atom or a methyl or ethyl radical, n is an integer between 0 and 10, M represents independently a hydrogen atom, an alkali or alkaline-earth metal, an ammonium or an alkylammonium ion, and m is a whole number in the range 1 to 2;

f) an alkylpolyglycoside having the general chemical formula

$$R^{17}$$
 O OH O

in which the polyglycoside is derived from glucose or other mono-, di- or polysaccharides, n is the degree of polymerisation and is typically within the range from 1 to 3, and R^{17} is a $C_6 - C_{18}$ straight or branched chain, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbyl group;

g) an anionic ester derivative of alkylpolyglycosides having the chemical formula

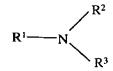
in which the polyglycoside is derived from glucose or other mono-, di- or polysaccharides, n is the degree of polymerisation and is typically within the range from 1 to 3, R^{18} is a $C_6 - C_{18}$ straight or branched chain, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbyl group, and X represents a carboxylate moiety derived from a bi- or tricarboxylic acid; or

h) mixtures thereof.

Listing of Claims

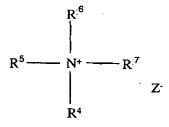
What is claimed is:

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in which R^1 is a C_8 - C_{24} straight or branched chain, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbyl group, optionally interrupted by one or more ether linkages, and R^2 and R^3 are independently polyoxyalkylene chains having in total 2 to about 22 alkylene oxide units;

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in which Z is an agriculturally acceptable anion and R^4 , R^5 , R^6 and R^7 include, without limitation, the following:

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- (iii) R^4 is a $C_8 C_{24}$ straight or branched chain, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbyl group, optionally interrupted by one or more ether linkages, R^5 is a polyoxyalkylene chain having about 2 to about 22 $C_2 C_4$ alkylene oxide units, and R^6 and R^7 are independently $C_1 C_4$ alkyl groups; or
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 - d) an alcohol ethoxylate having the chemical formula

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-O-(CH₂-CHR¹³-O)_n-R¹⁴

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e) an alcohol ethoxylate phosphate ester having the chemical formula $[R^{15}\text{-O-}(CH_2\text{-}CHR^{16}\text{-O})_n]_{3\text{-m}}\text{-P(=O)}(OM)_m$

in which formula R^{15} is a $C_6 - C_{20}$ straight or branched chain, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbyl group, R^{16} represents independently a hydrogen atom or a methyl or ethyl radical, n is an integer between 0 and 10, M represents independently a hydrogen

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atom, an alkali or alkaline-earth metal, an ammonium or an alkylammonium ion, and m is a whole number in the range 1 to 2;

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g) an anionic ester derivative of alkylpolyglycosides having the chemical formula

$$R^{18}$$
 O OH $O \rightarrow O \rightarrow D \rightarrow D$

in which the polyglycoside is derived from glucose or other mono-, di- or polysaccharides, n is the degree of polymerisation and is typically within the range from 1 to 3, R^{18} is a $C_6 - C_{18}$ straight or branched chain, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbyl group, and X represents a carboxylate moiety derived from a bi- or tricarboxylic acid; or

- h) mixtures thereof.
- 2. (Original) A composition of Claim 1 which contains greater than about 440 grams of acid equivalent of glyphosate per liter of the composition.
- (Previously presented) A composition of Claim 1 having a viscosity of less than 100 centipoise.
- 4. (Canceled)
- 5. (Previously presented) A composition of Claim 1 in which the surfactant is a mixture of a blend of tallowamine ethoxylates and a blend of amphoteric surfactants having the formula

$R^8R^9R^{10}N^+$ -(CH₂)_nCOO

in which R^8 is a $C_{12}-C_{14}$ hydrocarbyl group, R^9 and R^{10} are both CH_3 and n is 1.

- 6. (Original) A composition of Claim 5 in which the viscosity is less than 100 centipoise and which contains greater than about 480 grams of acid equivalent of glyphosate per liter of composition.
- 7. (Original) A method of controlling undesirable vegetation which comprises applying to the vegetation a water-diluted composition of Claim 1.